



**Rep. Matt Hatchett
R-143**

Biography

Matt was born and raised in Dublin. He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 68 and was an honor graduate of Dublin High School. He graduated with a BS degree in Applied Mathematics with an Economics Emphasis from Presbyterian College in 1988. While attending PC, Matt was involved with many organizations holding leadership roles with his fraternity, Sigma Nu, and serving as Student Body President his senior year.

Matt started with Delta Air Lines, Inc. in June of 1988 as a Methods Analyst. He served later in the Stockholder Relations and Corporate Contributions department at Delta. He completed his career with Delta serving as a Procedures Planning Analyst in the Technical Operations Division. After working with Delta Air Lines, Inc. for six years in Atlanta, he returned home to start a family with his wife Kim.

After returning home to Dublin, he started Hangers Cleaners, Inc., a local dry cleaning establishment. He and his wife purchased Plum Alley, a ladies clothing store in 1997, which she presently operates. He is also the owner of the local Bruster's Real Ice Cream and Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs franchise. Matt sold Hangers in 2010.

Matt is a member of the First United Methodist Church serving on the administrative board and as a member of the Chancel Choir. He is a member of the Dublin Rotary Club. Matt has served on the board of the Dublin/Laurens County Chamber of Commerce and as the Chairman of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Laurens County and the Heart of Georgia United Way. He is presently a member of the board of Communities in Schools of Laurens County.

Matt served as a Dublin City Councilman from 1999-2009. His councilman duties involved serving on the Finance, Economic Development Committees and the Downtown Development Authority and served as the Mayor Pro Tem in 2007.

Matt represented Dublin and Laurens County as a member of the Leadership Georgia Class of 2000.

Matt served as Chairman of the Dublin/Laurens County's month long St. Patrick's Festival in 2002, having previously volunteered as Vice Chairman and President of the Order of Shillelagh.

He is presently the chairman of the St. Patrick's Festival's hot air balloon festival which brings 30+ hot air balloons to Laurens County during the festival.

Matt has served as the Chairman of the Theatre Dublin Nutcracker since its inception in 2004. The performance brings professional ballet dancers and mixes them with 100+ local dancers for three performances of the Nutcracker the first weekend of December at Theatre Dublin.

Matt serves on the Advisory Board of the Citizens Bank of Laurens County.

Matt and Kim have two beautiful daughters Emily(15) and Camille(11).